

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-284-C - ORDER NO. 96-824  
NOVEMBER 26, 1996

IN RE: Request of Chester Telephone Company     )  
for Approval of Depreciation Rates.            )  
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  ) ORDER  
  ) APPROVING  
  ) DEPRECIATION  
  ) RATES

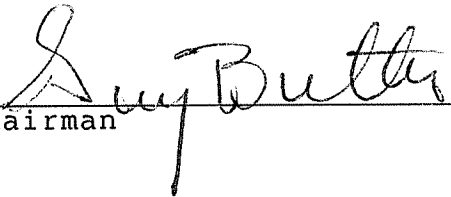
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Chester Telephone Company (Chester or the Company) for approval of depreciation rates for various plant accounts. The specific accounts in question are contained in the Company's September 6, 1996 letter to the Commission Staff.

The Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to publish, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of the Company's Application and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceeding. The Company complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. No Petitions to Intervene or letters of protest regarding the Application were received by the Commission.

The Commission has examined the proposed depreciation rates for the various accounts, and agrees that the proposed rates are just and reasonable, and should be therefore approved. The approved depreciation rates are set forth in Appendix A to this Order.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

(SEAL)

AS

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APPENDIX A

APPROVED DEPRECIATION RATES

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
2124	General Purpose Computers	16.90%
2212	Digital Electronic Switching	7.11%
2220	Operator Systems	10.00%
2231	Radio Systems	10.25%
2351	Public Telephone Terminal Eq.	8.74%

*Please  
attach to  
drawings*